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I have the honour to refer to resolution 845 (1993) of 18 June 1993 concerning the difference between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, by which, inter alia, the Council requested me to keep it informed on the progress of further efforts under my auspices.

Since my last report on 27 May 1994 (S/1994/632), Mr. Cyrus Vance has continued his mission of good offices. The parallel talks which Mr. Vance had intended to pursue on or about 13 June were unavoidably delayed for reasons which were outside the control of either of the parties. Mr. Vance met between 10 and 13 July with a delegation from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia headed by Foreign Minister Stevo Crvenkovski. He met between 11 and 13 July with a delegation from the Hellenic Republic led by Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias.

Mr. Vance's discussions concentrated on the principal difference of substance between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - the name. Various proposals that had been previously advanced, as well as a number of new ideas, were reviewed thoroughly with each party. The delegation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia noted the requirements of their electoral calendar, and both parties agreed to resume discussions with Mr. Vance in the autumn.

I met Foreign Minister Papoulias on 12 July and Foreign Minister Crvenkovski on 13 July. I emphasized to each of them my concern that the parties reach an early agreement on a solution to the difference between them. Both Ministers confirmed their Government's desire to continue with the discussions under my auspices and expressly stated their strong preference that Mr. Vance continue his mission of good offices.

I shall continue to keep the Council informed.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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